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SECRETARIAT OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL (REFORMS)

NOTIFICATION

*New Delhi, the 19th July, 1947*

**No. G.G.O. I.**—The following Order made by the Governor-General is published for general information —

**THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS)  
ORDER, 1947**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 40 of the Government of India Act, as set out in the Ninth Schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935 and by paragraph (c) of sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Indian Independence Act, 1947, the Governor-General is pleased to make the following Order, namely:—

1 This Order may be cited as the Executive Council (Transitional Provisions) Order, 1947.

2 (1) In this Order "existing Department" means any Department of the Government of India in existence immediately before the commencement of this Order

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament

3 Each existing Department shall be renamed by adding the word "India" in brackets at the end of its former designation and, each such Department shall, as from the commencement of this Order, handle cases exclusively or predominantly concerning the future Dominion of India

4 As from the commencement of this Order, there shall be created a Department corresponding with each existing Department, and each new Department so created—

(a) shall bear the same designation as the existing Department with the addition of the word "Pakistan" in brackets; and

(b) shall handle cases exclusively or predominantly concerning the future Dominion of Pakistan

5 Cases of common concern to the two future Dominions shall be handled in consultation by the appropriate India Department and the appropriate Pakistan Department.

6. The India and Pakistan Departments shall respectively be in charge of such members of the Executive Council as the Governor General may nominate in that behalf.

7. (1) For the purpose of dealing with any case exclusively or predominantly concerning the future Dominion of India members of the Executive Council in charge of Pakistan Departments shall not be entitled to attend the meetings of the Council; and for the purpose of dealing with any case exclusively or predominantly concerning the future Dominion of Pakistan, members of the Executive Council in charge of India Departments shall not be entitled to attend the meetings of the Council.

(2) Any question as to whether a case exclusively or predominantly concerns the future Dominion of India or Pakistan or is a case of common concern to both those Dominions shall be determined for the purposes of this Order by the Governor-General, whose determination shall be final.

8. Any provision contained in the Ninth Schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935, or any rules or orders made thereunder shall, to the extent to which it is inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, cease to have effect.

MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA,

*Governor-General.*

K. V. K. SUNDARAM,

*Officer on Special Duty.*